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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:ENGR, IR

SUBJECT: BILATERAL OIL AGREEMENT

FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE SHAH AND ANSARY MAY HARBOR MISCONCEPTION THAT USG IS STALLING PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL OIL AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO KEEP PRESSURE ON GOI RE HEAVY CRUDE PRICES OR OTHER ISSUES WITH CONSORTIUM COMPANIES. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT OUR DELAY HAS NOT BEEN DUE TO SUCH CONSIDERATIONS BUT SOLELY TO DIFFICULTY IN GETTING USG CONSENSUS ON PROPOSAL IN THE ABSENCE OF DEPENDABLE INDICATIONS OF POSITIVE CONGRESSIONAL AND INDUSTRY RESPONSES.

2. PLEASE CONVEY ORALLY TO ANSARY FOLLOWING STATUS REPORT: WE REGRET DELAY IN COMPLETING PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL OIL AGREEMENT. DELAY IS DUE TO OUR INABILITY DURING CONGRES-

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SIONAL RECESS AND UNAVAILABILITY OF SOME KEY OFFICIALS

TO MEASURE RELIABLY THE PROSPECTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT  
AND TIMING OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON REQUIRED APPROPRIA-  
TIONS BILL. WE ARE CONTINUING EFFORTS. SISCO

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